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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT ON IRANIAN F-5S FOR PAKISTAN

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1. WE HAVE NO RPT NO INFORMATION ON REPORTED TRANSFER OF IRANIAN F-5S TO PAKISTAN. A SENIOR IRANIAN OFFICER HAS DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH TRANSFER. GOI OFFICIALS ARE WELL AWARE OF USG REGULATIONS ON ARMS TRANSFERS IN GENERAL, AS WELL AS CURRENT POLICY TOWARD INDIA AND PAKISTAN.

2. IRAN NOW HAS FORTY-SIX F-5AS, OF WHICH 25 ARE FMS AND 21 ARE MAP. IT HAS EIGHTEEN F-5BS, OF WHICH 8 ARE FMS AND 10 ARE MAP. IF ALL CURRENT GOI COMMITMENTS AND USG REQUESTS ARE MET, IRAN WOULD HAVE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER FIVE FMS F-5AS AND ONE MAP F-5A AND FIVE FMS F-5BS AND TEN MAP F-5BS OR A TOTAL OF 21 AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL BECOME SURPLUS. WE DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT GOI WOULD TRANSFER NEW F-5ES TO PAKISTAN.

3. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST (NO KNOWN CONNECTION WITH THIS SUBJECT), GENERAL KHATAMI, COMMANDER IIAF, IS CURRENTLY PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO PAKISTAN.

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